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SUBJ: RAISING HELL ON PUERTO RICO

1. WITH OTHER SENIOR YUGOSLAVS OUT OF TOWN, I MADE DEMARCH ON PUERTO RICO TO ACTING SECRETARY FSFA MILJAN KOMATINA. KOMATINA ON WAY TO MEET MINIC AT AIRPORT AND PROMISED TO RAISE IMMEDIATELY. ALSO COMMITTED GOY TO COMPLETE AND URGENT REVIEW THEIR POSITION IN LIGHT NOT ONLY OF RESOLUTION ITSELF BUT VOERALL PUERTO RICAN SITUATION AS SET FORTH IN DEMARCHE. WONDERED ALOUD WHY WE HAD NOT COME IN EARLIER.

2. I TERMED RESOLUTION AND ANY VOTE FOR IT AS AS "FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT WOULD BE REGARDED AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT WHICH COULD NOT HELP BUT IMPACT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS". I STATED FURTHER THAT THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNEMENT'S CONCERN WITH ITS OWN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY HAD BEEN MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THE USG OVER THE YEARS AND INDEED TO ME SINCE I ARRIVED. I REMINED KOMITINA THAT THE USG HAS CONSISTENTLY
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REAFFIRMED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA,

MOST RECENTLY BY PRESIDENT FORD HIMSELF. IN VIEW OF THIS SUPPORT, IT WOULD INDEED BE ANOMALOUS FOR GOY TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH ATTACKS THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND INTERFERES IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. I FORMALLY REQUESTED THE GOY NOT TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION NOW BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF 24.

3. IN RESPONSE KOMATIN STRESSED GOY NEVER ACTIVE ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE, HAD NEVER MENTIONED IN ANY SPEECH AND RECOGNIZED PUERTO RICO. DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER ISSUE BEFORE COMMITTEE OF 24. HIS FIRST QUESTION WAS WHETHER OTHER MEMBERS COMMITTEE 24 BEING HIT ALSO AND SPECIFICALLY ASKED ABOUT SOVIET UNION AND CHINA. HE INTERESTED WHETHER CURRENT RESOLUTION DIFFERED FROM PREVIOUS AS MENTIONED. GOY HAD VOTED FOR ONE IN PAST AND SAID WOULD BE DIFFICULT NOT VOTE AGAIN IF RESOLUTION'S CONTENT SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED.

4. IN CONCLUDING WITH PERSONAL NOTE THAT HAS PARTICULAR THRUST FOR EMIGRE THREATENED YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATS, I MENTIONED THAT PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE LAST SUMMER AT PUERTO RICAN COMMONWEALTH DAY I WAS MAYSELF TARGET OF ASSASSINATION THREAT BY ONE OF VERY GROUP'S NOW SEEKING OBSERVER STATUS. SILBERMAN

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